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EXDIS:

DEPT PASS PARIS

SUBJ: STAFFDEL LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE

REVIEWED BY Ambley DATE 10/9/80

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TS AUTH. REASON(S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
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Reviewed by Edward Kelly
80-27-79

1. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH CORRESPONDENTS WHOM STAFFDEL TALKED WITH DURING VISIT HERE, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT STAFFDEL REPORT MAY DWELL ON CONSPIRACY THEORY OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT HERE AND BE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOC TREATMENT OF VIETNAMESE.

2. AFP CORRESPONDENT ULLMAN AND LE MONDE CORRESPONDENT POMONTI BOTH SUBSCRIBE TO THEORY THAT US PLANNED SIHANOUK DISMISSAL. NO FACTS WERE GIVEN; THEIR PROOF IS SUBSEQUENT EVENTS LEADING TO US ACTION IN CAMBODIA.

3. STAFFDEL HAD DINNER THEIR LAST EVENING HERE WITH POMONTI AND TOLD CONTROL OFFICER MORNING OF THEIR DEPARTURE HOW IMPRESSED THEY WERE WITH HIM, HOW HE WAS ONLY REPORTER WHO KNEW CAMBODIA, AND HOW EXCELLENT HIS CONTACTS WERE. (OTHER CORRESPONDENTS RATE POMONTI HIGHLY, BUT ALSO BELIEVE HE CAN BE CARELESS WITH FACTS.)

4. STAFFDEL ALSO CONCERNED OVER VIETNAMESE SITUATION. THEY BELIEVE, AS DO POMONTI AND OTHERS, THAT GOVERNMENT FORCING EXPATRIATION OF ALL VIETNAMESE. THIS IS NOT THE CASE, ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR THAT GOC WOULD NOT BE AVERSE IF ALL LEFT.

5. OF FURTHER INTEREST IS FACT THAT POLISH AMBASSADOR PASSED WORD TO STAFFDEL THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM. THEY ASKED EMBASSY TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT, WITHOUT INFORMING US OF THEIR

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PRIOR INFORMATION. EMBASSY WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT
APPOINTMENT GRANTED AS RAPIDLY AS IT WAS AND NOW UNDERSTANDS
REASON.
RIVES.

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